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54 **Interchangeable mechanism for molded case circuit breaker.**

57 An interchangeable operating mechanism assembly for molded case circuit breakers having a detachable movable contact arm and trip unit assembly allows the same mechanism assembly to be employed across a wide range of breaker ratings. A snap-on common trip bar attachment further allows multiple-pole facility off the common interrupter mechanism assembly. The mechanism assembly is designed to maintain the operating handle in the "on" position upon the occurrence of a welded contact and prevents the mechanism from being reset.

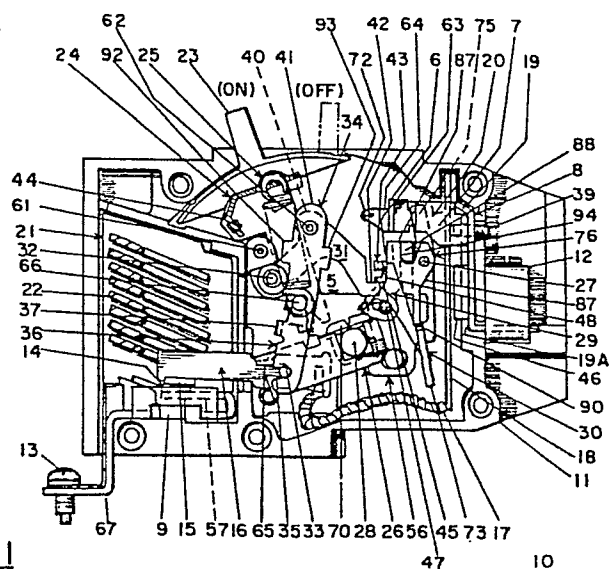


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